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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC SUMMIT

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1. BURIED IN A PARIS CABLE REPORTING A CONVERSATION BETWEEN BRITISH EMBASSY ECONOMIC MINISTER AND US COUNTERPART, THE SUBJECT OF WHICH IS BRITISH REPRESENTATION AT PRODUCER/ CONSUMER CONFERENCE, IS THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE. QUOTE. IN TICKING OFF VARIOUS OCCASIONS AT WHICH ISSUE OF BRITISH MEMBERSHIP MIGHT BE DISCUSSED IN COMING WEEKS, HE MENTIONED NOVEMBER 12 MEETING IN LONDON OF SO-CALLED "CARLTON GROUP" (THE UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES WHO MET IN THE CARLTON HOTEL IN NEW YORK EARLIER THIS MONTH, INCLUDING GEORGE SHULTZ, PROF. BARRE, ETC.); NOVEMBER 15, 16, 17 MEETING OF WHAT HE CALLED THE MONETARY SUMMIT IN FRANCE; AND THE DECEMBER 1-2 EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING. END QUOTE.

2. I ASSUME REFERENCE TO NOVEMBER 12 MEETING IN LONDON OF
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CABLE IN WHICH THIS SENTENCE CONTAINED WAS SENT TO LONDON, EC BRUSSELS, ROME, BONN, AND ALL OVER WASHINGTON, INCLUDING TREASURY. ANY EFFORT TO WITHDRAW CABLE NOW WOULD ONLY GENERATE INTEREST IN THIS REFERENCE WHICH DOES NOT AS YET SEEM TO HAVE BEEN PICKED UP BY THE BUREAUCRACY. IT MAY HOWEVER BE WORTH REMONSTRATING WITH THE BRITISH FOR PUTTING OUT EITHER INACCURATE OR HIGHLY SENSITIVE INFORMATION SO CASUALLY.

3. OTHERWISE, EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE WELL HERE. INGERSOLL

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